Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

Please enter new claims 13-33 as follows:

13. (New)   A method for creating a searchable personal browsing history, the method comprising the steps of:

a proxy server receiving from a client computer a multiplicity of requests for web pages and/or files, and in response,

said proxy server forwarding said requests to other servers responsible for furnishing said web pages and/or files, receiving said web pages and/or files from said other servers, extracting metadata and textual data from said web pages and/or files, indexing and storing the extracted metadata and textual data, forwarding said web pages and/or files to said client computer, and upon request by said client computer, sending indexed representations of said web pages and/or files to said client computer.

14. (New)   A method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said indexed representations include a list of web pages recently received by a user of said client computer.

15. (New)   A method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said indexed representations include a list of web pages most frequently accessed by a user of said client computer.

16. (New)   A method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said indexed representations include a list of files recently received by a user of said client computer.

17. (New)   A method as set forth in claim 16 wherein said files are images.

18. (New)   A method as set forth in claim 13 further comprising the step of receiving from said client computer a user specification of a type or types of said indexed representations, and the step of indexing the extracted metadata and textual data is based on the user specification of said type or types of said indexed representations.

19. (New)   A method as set forth in claim 18 further comprising the step of said proxy server receiving from said client computer a specification, made by a user of said client computer, of access rights of others to the stored metadata and textual data corresponding to requests made by said user.

20. (New)   A method as set forth in claim 13 further comprising the step of said proxy server receiving from said client computer a specification, made by a user of said client computer, of access rights of others to the stored metadata and textual data corresponding to requests made by said user.

21. (New)   A method as set forth in claim 13 further comprising the step of said proxy server receiving from said client computer a request to search said textual data based on key words associated with said request, and in response, said proxy server searching said textual data based on said key words and returning to said client computer a list of web pages and/or files that match said key words.

22. (New)   A system for creating a searchable personal browsing history, said system comprising:

means, within a proxy server, for receiving from a client computer a multiplicity of requests for web pages and/or files; and

means, within said proxy server, responsive to said requests, for forwarding said requests to other servers responsible for furnishing said web pages and/or files, receiving said web pages and/or files from said other servers, extracting metadata and textual data from said web pages and/or files, indexing and storing the extracted metadata and textual data, and forwarding said web pages and/or files to said client computer, and means, responsive to a request by said client computer for a user's personal searching history, for sending indexed representations of said web pages and/or files to said client computer.

23. (New)   A system as set forth in claim 22 wherein said indexed representations include a list of web pages recently received by said user of said client computer.

24. (New)   A system as set forth in claim 22 wherein said indexed representations include a list of web pages most frequently accessed by said user of said client computer.

25. (New)   A system as set forth in claim 22 wherein said indexed representations include a list of files recently received by said user of said client computer.

26. (New)   A system as set forth in claim 25 wherein said files are images.

27. (New)   A system as set forth in claim 22 wherein said proxy server further comprises means for receiving from said client computer a user specification of a type or types of said indexed representations, and wherein said means for indexing the extracted metadata and textual data is based on the user specification of said type or types of said indexed representations.

28. (New)   A system as set forth in claim 27 wherein said proxy server further comprises means for receiving from said client computer a specification, made by said user of said client computer, of access rights of others to the stored metadata and textual data corresponding to requests made by said user.

29. (New)   A system as set forth in claim 22 wherein said proxy server further comprises means for receiving from said client computer a specification, made by said user of said client computer, of access rights of others to the stored metadata and textual data corresponding to requests made by said user.

30. (New)   A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein said proxy server further comprises means for receiving from said client computer a request to search said textual data based on key words associated with said request, and means, responsive to the search request, for searching said textual data based on said key words and returning to said client computer a list of web pages and/or files that match said key words.

31. (New)   A computer program product for creating a searchable personal browsing history, said computer program product comprising:

a computer readable media;

first program instructions, for execution within a proxy server, to receive from a client computer a multiplicity of requests for web pages and/or files; and

second program instructions, for execution within said proxy server, responsive to said requests, to forward said requests to other servers responsible for furnishing said web pages and/or files, receive said web pages and/or files from said other servers, extract metadata and textual data from said web pages and/or files, index and store the extracted metadata and textual data, and forward said web pages and/or files to said client computer; and

third program instructions, for execution within said proxy server, responsive to a request by said client computer for a user's personal searching history, to send indexed representations of said web pages and/or files to said client computer; and wherein

said first, second and third program instructions are stored on said media in functional form.

32. (New)   A computer program product as set forth in claim 31 further comprising fourth program instructions, for execution within said proxy server, to receive from said client computer a user specification of a type or types of said indexed representations, and wherein said second program instructions index the extracted metadata and textual data based on the user specification of said type or types of said indexed representations; and wherein said fourth program instructions are stored on said media in functional form.

33. (New)   A computer program product as set forth in claim 32 further comprising fifth program instructions, for execution within said proxy server, to receive from said client computer a specification, made by said user of said client computer, of access rights of others to the stored metadata and textual data corresponding to requests made by said user; and wherein said fifth program instructions are stored on said media in functional form.